IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

Debtors. ¹	Re: D.I. 12 & 119
BIG LOTS, INC., et al.,	(Jointly Administered)
In re:	Case No. 24-11967 (JKS)
	Chapter 11

CERTIFICATION OF COUNSEL REGARDING FINAL ORDER AUTHORIZING (I) DEBTORS TO (A) CONTINUE AND RENEW THEIR LIABILITY, PROPERTY, CASUALTY, SURETY BOND, AND OTHER INSURANCE PROGRAMS, AND HONOR ALL OBLIGATIONS IN RESPECT THEREOF, (B) HONOR AND RENEW THE TERMS OF THE PREMIUM FINANCING AGREEMENTS AND PAY THE FINANCING AGREEMENT PAYMENTS THEREUNDER, AND (C) ENTER INTO NEW PREMIUM FINANCING AGREEMENTS IN THE ORDINARY COURSE OF BUSINESS AND (II) FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO HONOR AND PROCESS RELATED CHECKS AND TRANSFERS

The undersigned counsel to the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (the "**Debtors**") hereby certifies as follows:

- 1. On September 9, 2024 (the "**Petition Date**"), the Debtors each filed voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101–1532, and related pleadings with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware.
- 2. On the Petition Date, the Debtors filed the Motion of Debtors for Entry of Interim and Final Orders Authorizing (I) Debtors to (A) Continue and Renew their Liability,

¹ The debtors and debtors in possession in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of their respective employer identification numbers, are as follows: Great Basin, LLC (6158); Big Lots, Inc. (9097); Big Lots Management, LLC (7948); Consolidated Property Holdings, LLC (0984); Broyhill LLC (7868); Big Lots Stores - PNS, LLC (5262); Big Lots Stores, LLC (6811); BLBO Tenant, LLC (0552); Big Lots Stores - CSR, LLC (6182); CSC Distribution LLC (8785); Closeout Distribution, LLC (0309); Durant DC, LLC (2033); AVDC, LLC (3400); GAFDC LLC (8673); PAFDC LLC (2377); WAFDC, LLC (6163); INFDC, LLC (2820); Big Lots eCommerce LLC (9612); and Big Lots F&S, LLC (3277). The address of the debtors' corporate headquarters is 4900 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus, OH 43081.

Property, Casualty, Surety Bond, and Other Insurance Programs, and Honor All Obligations in Respect thereof, (B) Honor and Renew the Terms of the Premium Financing Agreements and Pay the Financing Agreement Payments Thereunder, and (C) Enter Into New Premium Financing Agreements in the Ordinary Course of Business and (II) Financial Institutions to Honor and Process Related Checks and Transfers (D.I. 12) (the "Motion").² A proposed form of order granting final relief was attached to the Motion (the "Proposed Final Order").

- 3. On September 11, 2024, the Court entered the Interim Order Authorizing (I) Debtors To (A) Continue and Renew their Liability, Property, Casualty, Surety Bond, and Other Insurance Programs, and Honor All Obligations in Respect thereof, (B) Honor and Renew the Terms of the Premium Financing Agreements and Pay the Financing Agreement Payments Thereunder, and (C) Enter Into New Premium Financing Agreements in the Ordinary Course of Business and (II) Financial Institutions to Honor and Process Related Checks and Transfers (D.I. 119).
- 4. The Debtors have revised the Proposed Final Order to incorporate comments from the Office of the United States Trustee (the "U.S. Trustee"), the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee"), Liberty Mutual Insurance Company ("Liberty Mutual"), and the Chubb Companies ("Chubb"). The revised form of order granting the relief requested in the Motion on a final basis (the "Revised Proposed Order") is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- A redline comparing the Revised Proposed Order against the Proposed Final
 Order is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit B</u>.

² Capitalized terms not defined herein have the meaning ascribed to them in the Motion.

6. The U.S. Trustee, counsel to the Committee, counsel to Liberty Mutual, and counsel to Chubb have confirmed that they have no objection to entry of the Revised Proposed Order.

WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request entry of the Revised Proposed Order attached hereto as $\underline{\textbf{Exhibit A}}$.

[Signature page follows]

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